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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 9-705 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of
5 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor
6 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
7 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
8 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the
9 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
10 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
11 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
12 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
13 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the

14 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
15 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
16 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
17 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
18 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
19 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
20 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
21 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
22 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
23 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
24 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the
25 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or
26 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
27 section.

28 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this
29 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
30 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
31 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
32 election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been
33 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of
34 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
35 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
36 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
37 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
38 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
39 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number
40 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
41 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
42 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
43 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's
44 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
45 equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for
46 the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the
47 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
48 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the

49 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2010, or
50 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
51 section.

52 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
53 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
54 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
55 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state
56 representative shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from
57 the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate
58 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general
59 election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a
60 greater per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for
61 said office at said election than the per cent of votes utilized by such
62 candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described in
63 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such
64 supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

65 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
66 per cent, but less than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes
67 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
68 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
69 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
70 such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii)
71 two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
72 subsection [(a) or (b)] (e) or (f) of this section for a major party
73 candidate for the same office.

74 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
75 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
76 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
77 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
78 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
79 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
80 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
81 under subsection [(a) or (b)] (e) or (f) of this section for a major party

82 candidate for the same office.

83 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
84 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
85 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
86 campaign grant under subsection [(a) or (b)] (e) or (f) of this section for
87 a major party candidate for the same office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-705(g)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill makes technical changes of reference which have no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 398*****AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE
CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes technical corrections to the Citizens' Election Program concerning post-election supplemental grants for minor and petitioning party legislative candidates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/22/2010)